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SUBJECT : AMERICAN LITERATURE STUDY COURSE AT
CHITTAGONG UNIVERSITY

1. CHITTAGONG AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER RECEIVED LETTER FROM DR. GARY PHILLIPS OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CURRENTLY RESIDING OB. GEERENSTR. 52, 8044 ZURICH. PHILLIPS ASKED WHETHER OR NOT CHITTAGONG UNIVERSITY WANTED HIM TO TEACH AMERICAN LITERATURE THIS ACADEMIC YEAR SINCE HE HAS OTHER OFFER PENDING.

2. PLEASE INFORM PHILLIPS: A) CHITTAGONG'S AMERICAN LITERATURE PROJECT IS DEPENDENT UPON U.S. INSTITUTION GRANT TO PROFESSOR THROUGH CU AND B) HEAD OF CHITTAGONG ENGLISH DEPARTMENT LEAVING SOON FOR YEAR ACADEMIC STUDY IN ENGLAND. BECAUSE OF HIS ABSENCE AND DELAYING ACTION RE-PERMISSION FROM BDG MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FOR VISITING PROFESSOR THE CHITTAGONG PROJECT CAN NOT BEGIN UNTIL FOLLOWING ACADEMIC YEAR.

3. FOR CU: PHILLIPS IS WELL KNOWN TO DR. HENRY DAN PIPER WHO SPENT SEVERAL WEEKS LAST JANUARY IN CHITTAGONG AS VOLSPKR/STAG AND PIPER UNDOUBTEDLY ENCOURAGED HIM TO CONTACT CHITTAGONG DIRECTLY.

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POSTPONEMENT OF PROJECT INDEED A FACT BECAUSE OF OUR

INABILITY AT THIS LATE DATE TO INFORM CHITTAGONG OF POSSIBILITY
OF VISITING PROFESSOR PLUS CIRCUMSTANCES CITED IN PARA 2. WE
REGRET THIS DELAY TO THE COMPLETION OF WHAT HAS SO FAR BEEN A
VERY GOOD AND WORTHWHILE PROJECT. HOWEVER, THE FAVORABLE
ACADEMIC INTEREST AROUSED IN CHITTAGONG FOR AMERICAN STUDIES
COULD BE MAINTAINED WITH ANOTHER AMERICAN SPECIALIST THIS YEAR
IN A PROGRAM SIMILAR TO THE PIPER ACCOMPLISHED. WE ASK FOR CU'S
FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION.

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